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GREAT PLAINS SEEDS
1953 Crop
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SEEDS OF NATIVE PLANTS

principally of the Great Plains and Black Hills harvested in 1953

A select list of new and choice items, these are the "wild flowers" of a relatively dry region. As in their native homes they choose well drained soils and situations, similar placing assures their success in the garden. Further cultural details may be noted in our plant catalog.

All seeds require steady moisture for germination. Certain penstemons and others are aided by months of freezing, but most Great Plains seeds may be germinated freely indoors, or outside in spring, with adequate moisture.

Hardy Perennials, packet 25c except as noted:

Achillaea lanulosa. Diminutive yarrow of exceptionally white umbels, to 8".

Actinea simplex. Daisies of golden brilliance above narrow silvery leaves, 4 to 10".

Agastache anethiodora, Anise Hyssop. Fragrant tall herb with purple spikes all summer.

Allium cernuum. Nodding Onion. Pearly pink umbels, July, 8 to 16". Easy, delightful.

Allium Geyeri. Clear pink, May-June. 4 to 20" according to situation.

Allium recurvatum superbum, Pagosa Onion. Showy pink, to 20", July. Leaves strap-like.

Allium textile. Broad umbels of white with greenish midribs, to 8", May.

Androstephium caeruleum, Blue Bethlehem. Early bulb, inch-wide, in umbels, to 8".

Antennaria campestris, Pussy Toes. Very low dark green carpeter, grayish blossoms.

Antennaria microphylla. A blue-silvery one of finer leaf texture and grayish white bloom.

Argemone intermedia, Prickly Poppy. White 4", crinkled silken blossoms all summer. To 24"

Artemisia frigida. Silvery velvet mounds to 4", arching gray blossom spikes to 15".

Asclepias pumila. Prolific umbels of greenish white, to 8". Numerous narrow leaves.

Aster batesi. Branched arching ropes of dainty light lavender-blue, Sept. To 28".

Aster meritus. Much admired pinkish violet in flat-topped racemes, July. 10 to 12".

Aster kumleini. Fine blue to purple masses, gold centered, Sept. 12 to 15".

Aster laevis. Of shady places. to 30" or more, a fine lavender-blue. Non-spreading.

Aster ptarmicoides. Fine white, cream centered. 10 to 14", July-August.

Astragalus crassicarpus, Buffalo Pea. Pastel raspberry clusters, bright plum-like fruits. Low.

Astragalus spatulatus. Rock garden "bun", to 4", numerous little heads, bright purple. 50c.

Callirhoe involucrata, Poppy Mallow. Scintillating magenta cups in long season. Trailing

Calochortus gunnisoni, Mariposa Tulip. Chalices of white with green markings. July.

Calochortus macrocarpus. Outward pointing segments of rich lavender, purple marked. July.

- Calochortus nuttalli*, Sego Lily. Cream-white with gold and maroon markings. June.
- Calochortus weedi* var. *intermedia*. Novel box-like blooms of reddish lavender. July.
- Campanula petiolata*, Western Harebell. Larger freer blooming, lavender to purple, to 16".
- Chrysopsis villosa*, Golden Aster. Fine masses of brilliant gold, Sept. 12".
- Clematis fremonti*. Urn shaped "leather flowers" of purple, cream lined. 9 to 10", June.
- Clematis scotti*. Leathery nodding urns, May, 10". Blue to purple or pink. Foliage glaucous.
- Dalea aurea*. Rare silvery green and airy light yellow inflorescence, Prairie Clover style.
- Dalea enneandra*. Distinct, odd and beautiful, of slender airy effect, blossoms silvery. 30".
- Dodecatheon pulchellum* (*pauciflorum*), Shooting Star. Lavender-rose and gold, 4 to 8".
- Drymocallis fissa*. Cinquefoil relative, plentiful little single roses, butter yellow. 10 to 12".
- Echinacea angustifolia*. Large pink daisies, mahogany centers. Welcome color, July. 16".
- Erigeron caespitosus*. Three-fourths inch fine white little daisy. One of the best. 6".
- Erigeron glabellus*. White to purple, mainly lavender. Neat evergreen rosettes. 10 to 14".
- Erigeron macranthus*. Inch wide, lavender-blue in masses, late summer. Bushy, to 18".
- Gutierrezia sarothrae*, Golden Dome. Rounded vivid green bushlet, turning to gold, Sept. 12".
- Hedeoma camporum*, Pennyroyal. Little lavender florets in long season. Fine fragrance. 10".
- Ipomoea leptophylla*, Big-root Bush Morning-Glory. Fine reddish trumpets, July on. 30".
- Iris missouriensis*. Easy, delightful, slender silvery blue, June-July. 10 to 18".
- Lathyrus ornatus*, Sand Pea. Large blossoms, purple-rose banners, white to pink wings.
- Lewisia rediviva*, Bitter-Root. Glorious stemless blossoms of rich carmine pink, June. 4".
- Liatris scariosa* (*aspera*), Blazing Star. Tall, with large heads of fine purple, late fall.
- Liatris ligulistylis*. Very large heads, purple, accepting some shade. 12 to 18". July.
- Liatris punctata*, Dwarf Gayfeather. Closely set small heads of luminous purple. To 14", Aug.
- Liatris pycnostachya*. Long erect spikes closely set with small heads of silvery purple. To 36".
- Lupinus pusillus*. 8" branching annual of white-tipped intense blue, very early.
- Lygodesmia juncea*, Prairie Pink. Skeleton Weed. Pretty pink blooms, leafless stems. Weedy.
- Machaeranthera tanacetifolia*, Tahoka Daisy. Wide blue, June to frost. To 14". (Ann.)
- Nemastylis acuta*. Rare bulb, marvelous light blue, 8". (Few packets.) 50c.
- Nuttallia decapetala*, Evening Star. Ten-pointed creamy stars, summer nights. 24".
- Oenothera oklahomensis*. Immense, 3", bright yellow, in large numbers, long season. 15". 50c.
- Penstemon albidus*. Large flowered white. To 14".
- Penst. augustifolius*. Melting deep azure, wide closely packed spires, June, 12". Glaucous.
- Penst. angustifolius*. Fine albino. 35c.

Penst. aridus. Delightful gem of medium blue, June, 8". Small cushion, many spikes. 50c.
Penst. eriantherus. Large flowered warm lavender, broad spikes, June. 8 to 12".
Penst. glaber. Deep blue, large flowered, July. 18 to 24". Foliage dark.
Penst. gracilis. Graceful spikes of small light amethyst blossoms. 10". Foliage dark.
Penst. grandiflorus. Very large rich lavender. June, 30" or more. Plant glaucous.
Penst. nitidus. Brilliant blue, May. Extra select dwarf strain, 8". Glaucous plant. 35c.
Penst. secundiflorus. Large reddish lavender, handsome ascending spikes to 18". Glaucous
Penst. virens. One of the most delightful. Purple-blue, 8 to 10". Small glossy leaves.
Phlox alyssifolia. Large flowered pink, selected forms. Creeping, 4". (Few packets.) 50c.
Sideranthus spinulosus. Glowing yellow asters, Sept. Grayish prickly bushlet, 4 to 6".
Solidago mollis. Select low form. Billowy goldenrod heads gray foliage. Sept. 10".
Solidago pallida. Plumes of light gold, fragrant, lovely, Sept. Non-spreading. 16 to 20".
Solidago pulcherrima. Beautiful arching golden rods, 10 to 14". Sept. Non-spreading.
Townsendia exscapa, Easter Daisy. Astonishing wide pink daisies on tuft of grayish leaves.
Verbena bipinnatifida. Continuous show, bright lilac-blue, May-October. By June from seed.
Viola adunca. Whiskery little faces of deep blue.
Viola nuttalli. Brilliant yellow violet of the sun-drenched prairies. For poor soil.
Zinnia grandiflora. Inch-and-a-half single. Bright gold, in masses, all summer, 5". Sun

Hardy Cacti, at 25c the packet

Corryphantha vivinara. Ball to 3 or 4", crown of silky carmine flowers, June.
Echinocerous viridiflorus. Barrel to 4 or 5", glossy green-yellow blossoms on ribs, May.
Mesobesseyea missouriensis. Ball to 2" or more. Flowers straw, yellow or orange tint. May.
Opuntia aurea. A beaver tail with illuminated rich yellow blossoms. Spineless. Quite hardy.
O. fragilis. The midget prickly pear with yellow blossoms 2" or more wide. June.
O. humifusa. 4" flowers, selections with crimson based petals. Late June.
O. phaeacantha. Very large pads with rich dark red glochid clusters. Flowers yellow. Hardy.
O. pollardi. Rather small pads of bright green, large flash of scarlet on yellow petals.
O. polyacantha. Very spiny kind. Blossoms in shades of yellow.
O. rhodantha. Flowers large, rich deep carmine pink. Hardy Utah form. (Few Packets.)

Hardy Shrub Seeds, at 25c the packet

Atriplex canescens, Salt Bush. to 20", gray-green of good all-season effect. Alkaline soil.
Chrysothamnus graveolens. Rabbit Brush. Grayish, to 36". short spikes of goldenrod. Sept.
Rosa arkansana J. W. Fargo. Very lovely double pink wild rose. Seeds give some doubles. 18".
Rosa blanda. Red stems, sparingly thorny, pale pink buds opening to single white roses. 20".
Rosa foliolosa. Delightful pure white single rose. Small shining leaflets. 10".
Rose Mrs. Mina Lindell. Natural tetraploid, to 36". Semi-double, vivid carmine-crimson.